



The Newsletter for the Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

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Children's Christmas Party Set for December

Load up the sleigh, pack up the kids and head to Brookfield in December. Santa is coming to town as the children's Christmas party returns to the OSA calendar of events after a nearly 10 year absence.

This year's event will be held on Sunday, December 1, 1996. 12:30 - 3:00pm at the Hollywood Community House on the corner of Hollywood and



Washington, in Brookfield. Located 1 1/2 blocks west of 1st Avenue, it is easily accessible from the Stevenson or Eisenhower Expressways.

Children will enjoy games, Christmas carols, cookies, and a visit from old St. Nick himself. **Bring a small wrapped present for your child to receive from Santa.** Please RSVP to Beth Rychtanek (847) 695-6751 by November 24 and join the fun.

Annual Meeting Returns to March

Due to popular demand of the members, the Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance will once again be held on the first Saturday in March. The 19th Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday March 1st, 1997. It will be at Niko's, 7600 S. Harlem Avenue in Bridgeview. The cost is \$30 per person in advance and tickets will cost more at the door so please register in



advance. After the turnout of 100 plus members and guests at the picnic and Fall fix-it. Let's keep the ball rolling with a great showing at the Annual Meeting as we head into the 20th Anniversary year for the OSA. For information or to register for the dinner dance, contact the Annual Meeting Coordinator Barb Payne 1241 Cleveland, LaGrange Park, Illinois 60525, (708) 354-0502.

Entertainment '97 Books On Sale Now

Would you like to save 50% on dining, entertainment, car washes, dry cleaning, hotel stays, etc.? Then an Entertainment '97 book is what you need and they are now on sale for only \$35. These books will save you big bucks on dining & entertainment in the Chicago area. Even if your only trips to the restaurant are to Mc Donald's or Burger King, this books will pay for itself in no time. Throw in video rentals

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Vibrations

The Maintenance Buzz

Mike Drazba reports that the ranger staff, **Steve Holke**, **Guy Gogliotti**, **Tony Krier**, **Joe Klefeker** and extended post camp sanitary engineer **Ron Derby** have been very busy this fall.

In addition to the ongoing renovation of all the Staff Village cabins, they completed work on expanding the parking lot at Camp Blackhawk as well as making a turn around area near the dining hall for the pack and paddle vans & trailers. They also put in many hours renovating Hiawatha Beach. Mike says they now have a TIG welder and can use someone experienced in aluminum welding to come on up and help fix some of the 200+ canoes that are damaged.

Due to the resignation of ranger **Gene Bosh**, for a position at the LaPorte County Courthouse, Owasippe is now accepting applications for a new ranger. Experience or for-

mal education in one of the major construction trades is a must. Applications are being accepted through November. Call Mike at (616) 894-4061 to request an application or get more information.

Also needed are ideas for a visitors center to be located in the snack bar. With the museum being closed during the winter, they would like a display of Owasippe pictures and points of interest that would give visitors a quick overview of Owasippe and what is offered there and in the surrounding area.

The Owasippe nature and outdoors skills library is growing all the time and they are looking for donations of scout, nature, or outdoor craft books to include in the collection. These books are used by visiting schoolchildren in various outdoor education projects at camp.

A Reneker fix-it weekend was held this fall. 12 families participated in painting and repairing buildings at Reneker and all indications are that this is a program that will grow in coming years.

Fall Fix-it and Family Weekend

Following on the heels of the highly successful and well attended Family Picnic, The 1996 Fall Fix-it and Family Weekend capped off the camping season at Owasippe in grand style. Over 110 members and their families were in attendance at Owasippe September 27, 28, and 29th.

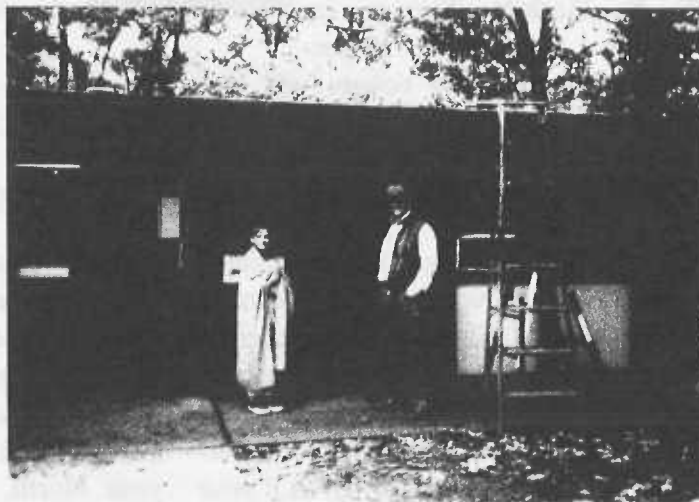
In the fall of 1995, in anticipation as it's re-opening as a scout section camp, the OSA adopted Camp Carlen as its special area of concentration at Owasippe and we began work on getting the camp in perfect running order. For the third work weekend in a row, our work projects once again centered at Camp Carlen.

Under the direction and organization of **Ken Graczyk** and **Mike Sanchez**, every latrine unit was prepped, primed, and painted inside and out. A sign was placed at the Lodge proclaiming that renovations at Camp Carlen were being performed by the OSA.

At the maintenance shop, **Ron Kempa** worked on vehicles and some necessary welding work was also completed. Staff Village cabins 2 and 5 were gutted. **Mike Finnegan** and **Gale Stoffregen** insulated the cabins, and **Bill Tenner** removed the car-

peting and floor tiles, while learning about aromatic hydrocarbons and proper ventilation.

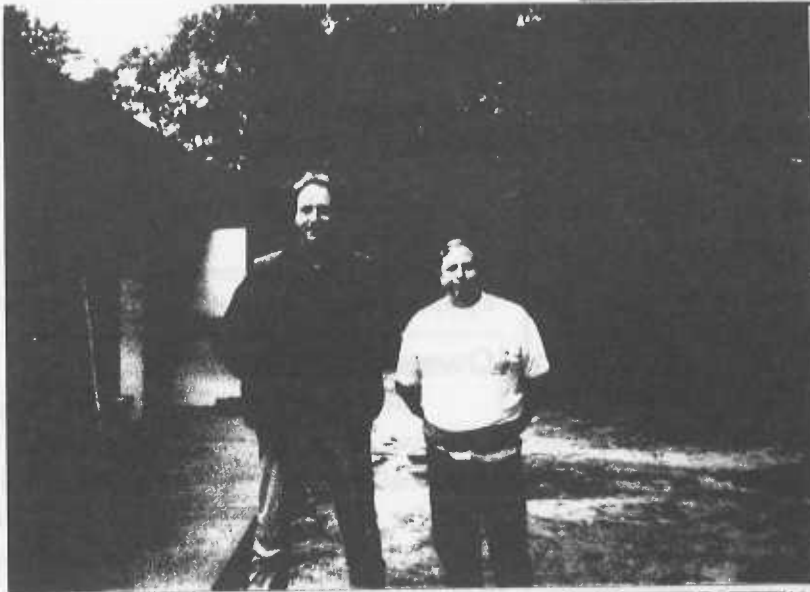
Once again the high points of the weekend were the fantastic meals planned by the dynamic duo of **Bob Corrao** and **Tom "The Buck" Buckley**. They wish to thank all those who helped with the meal preparation and clean-up for the weekend. Special mention goes to **Chris Drazba**, **Laura Paull**, and **Nancy Chlebek** who were on hand for all three meals on Saturday. We would also like to extend thanks to the following companies who donated food or gift certificates to the OSA; **Bil-Mar Foods**, **Hillshire Farms**, **Badger-Murphy Food Service** and **Plumb's Food Store**.



Jerry Brown and his daughter Liz show off the renovated lodge at Camp Carlen

Scenes from the Fall Fix-it

A crew of OSA workers skillfully applying much needed paint to a kybo at Camp Carlen



Scott Weber and Pat Monahan strike a commanding pose as they inspect work in progress on the Carlen dining hall

John and Mike Sanchez light up their cigars and collect their rollers as they get set to tackle yet another painting project at Owasisippe.



The Legend Continues by Bob Ward

Out of the woods and forests they came, the staffers of yore. Led by **Milton Gray**, **Tom Crissy**, **Phil Pappas**, **George Johnson**, **Larry O'Connor**, **Pat Monahan**, **Bill Letter**, **Ron Kulak**, **Scott Weber**, **Swoop Delmano**, **Don Studevan**, **Jack Coussens**, **Tiny Norman**, **Chuck Kmiec**, **Carl Young**, **Gordie Stiefel**, **Joe Sener**, **Jim Marshall**, **"Chauncey"**, the **Sanchez's**, **Jim Schlichting**, **Bob McMillian** and **Ed Kinnerk**. They came with their troops, worked staff, or just came to be a part of this magical summer which was the 85th Anniversary and the dedication of the **Milton H. Gray Staff Village**. This summer was their Camelot.

News from Camp by Bob Ward

Thirty-five OSA members worked staff this year.

Bill Lotter's troop 84 from Owasso, Oklahoma was in attendance. They brought along a pig and their own cooker for a pig roast in honor of the 85th Anniversary of OSR. Naturally, Bill brought his accordion and the BEMO Bench from Camp Stuart. Five scouts from Troop 84 worked on staff this summer,

Swoop Delmano returned to run aquatics at Blackhawk. Swoop worked at Stuart in the mid 60's. Likewise **Pat Monahan** returned after a 17 year hiatus. Pat was the camp director at Blackhawk.

The OA ceremonial team put on the best performances of Indian pageantry seen in a long time at camp fires around OSR. The team was lead by **Matt Lotter** and **Nate Diekelman** and included **Pat Schoewe**, **Jack Newell**, **"Pace"**, **Marilee "Princess Fern" Brown** and dancers **Ben Marx**, **Dave Sitz** and **Jon Jordan**.

Glenwood Teen Dies at camp

A 14-year-old scout apparently suffered a fatal heart attack after a swim test on his first day of camp in July.

Maurice Washington arrived at Owasisippe with 16 fellow members of Troop 740 in Glenwood and five fathers, including his own, and headed for the lake.

Maurice swam the required yards, then, as he headed to the campsite with several other scouts, Maurice collapsed, his heart stopped and camp staff workers began cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Two teams of paramedics arrived to transport him to Hackley Hospital in Muskegon. At the hospital, doctors couldn't revive him.

Thanks Owasisippe

by Bob Ward

To Ad Center and Warehouse Staff.

To **Nancy Romcoe** who never said "No",

To **Mary Kempa** who always looked for it, Thanks.

To **Sue Lutz** for the laminating.

To **John Brown** for the paychecks.

To **Pete Klaeser** for your company at the Soap Opera.

To **Frank** ("Bring 'em back alive, Buck") **Wiatrowski** for coffee, cups, sugar and no creamer.

To my paladin, the Guru of shooting sports, **Jerry Lutz**, who made my area a better place for the Scouts.

To **Bill Schaefer**, we told you could do it.

To the oracles of scouting that said we couldn't, we did!

Thanks.

Mike Drazba, thanks.

Kudos to **Ron Derby**.

To the fish in Lake Wolverine,

I'll be back in the fall.

To everyone I forgot to mention, my apologies and thanks for dropping by.

Owasippe Nature Notes

Owasippe has been host to Project Learning Tree, a nature program in the Whitehall schools. It has also hosted field trips for alternative education class from Muskegon and Oceana County schools as well as school fishing trips.

Owasippe will not be open to any hunting this fall as they begin a new program of Quality Deer Management, working in conjunction with the state DNR and local sportsman groups. Local law enforcement has agreed to work closely with Owasisippe to ensure that no unauthorized hunting will take place.

Logging operations by Menasha Corporation are also on hold at OSR as they review the long range forest management plan. Owasisippe is being assisted by the Forestry Department at Michigan State University in developing a plan which will be more beneficial to wildlife.

The Owasippe Grapevine

In and out all summer were the volunteers. The **Kleinfeldt brothers**, **George Korzen**, **Mike Campbell**, **Kevin Murphy**, **Steve Henclewski**, the **Andersons**, **Dan Walton** and **John Janis** (Ed Kinnerk's personal driver), **Joe Klefeker** and the "Goose", **Tony Krier**, **Ron Kempa**, **John Adamowski**, **John Nuccio**, **Joe Sufferon** and **Bob Wilcox**.

T.J. Patterson stopped by after completing basic airborne training at Ft. Benning, GA to lend a hand on shut down.

Nice to see **Pat Foster**. Also past reservation director **Jim Chandler** stopped by. We were also visited by **Ron Swarek** (chairman of the Owasippe Task Force), **Scott Rupp** (finance chairman) and **Steve Horvath** (properties chairman).

Leon and Virginia Winckel drove up from Arizona for the 85th Anniversary.

Life membership plaques were presented to **Nancy**

Romcoe and **Frank Wiatrowski** at the closing banquet.

Phil Pappas received his Life membership plaque as part of a lunch program one day in July in Blackhawk's dining hall.

Ex-staffers **Stan Territo**, **George Johnson**, **Chuck Kmiec**, **Steve Kantorski**, and **Bill Lotter** all returned to Owasippe this summer as leaders.

Besides **Bill Lotter's** troop from Oklahoma, scouts came from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Texas, Poland, England and China. **Mike Hacker**, a scouter from London, England, volunteered the whole summer at Camp Carlen.

According to our sources... **Bill Schaefer** will return as the reservation director for the next 2 years. **Jerry Lutz** and **Pete Klaeser** will be assistant reservation directors. **Pat Monahan** and **Ed Kinnerk** have been asked to return as camp directors and they have accepted.



Ron Derby, left, and Guy Gogliotti, right, helped tie corn stalks to lamp posts in downtown Whitehall. Volunteers from the Owasippe staff braved foul weather to help the White Lake Chamber of Commerce give an autumn harvest look to the annual Octoberfest in Whitehall



The west Michigan roads claim yet another Owasippe vehicle. Luckily no one in the van was seriously injured

Schaefer fund helps staff members

For the sixth consecutive year, Steve Schaefer Endowment Awards were given out at the Owasippe closing banquet. This year awards were for \$150 to each recipient. Those receiving the awards were;

Marilee Brown
Katrina Hockin
Rachel Kurth
Susan Lutz
Sean Lynch
Ed Matayka
Pat Newell
Ned Swanson
Nick Wolff

The fund was established in 1990 following the tragic death of former Owasippe staffman Steve Schaefer, in a fire at Southern Illinois University. Its purpose is to provide an additional stipend to help defray college expenses for staff members. All Owasippe staff members who are currently attending college are eligible to receive an award.

The fund is administered by three trustees; Bill Schaefer Jr., the OSR Camp Director (currently Bill Schaefer Sr.) and one appointee (currently John Brown, OSR Business Manager). The funds are held by the OSA and contributions are always welcome. Recent contributors include Chauncey, Ron Kulak, John Brown, Bill Schaefer, Tony Krier, and Mike and Chris Drazba, all in the memory of Charlie Nagel's mother.

Steve Schaefer Memorial Fund

Past staff members are aware of the fact that it is often difficult to work at summer camp and attend college in the off season. The Schaefer Memorial Fund has been supplying extra funds to staff members that are also attending college. You could help the current OSR staff members with their college expenses by donating to:

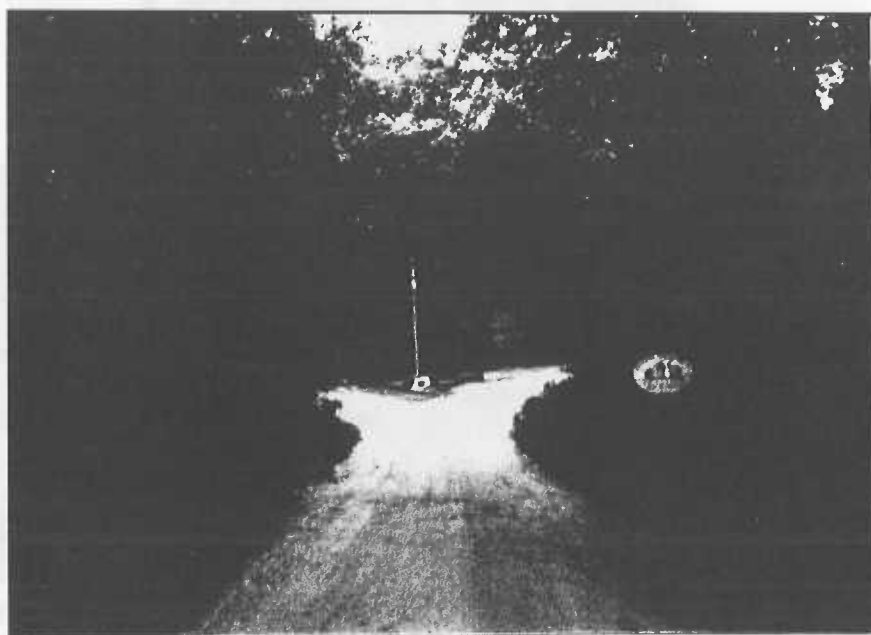
The Schaefer Memorial Fund

c/o Bill Schaefer
6448 Newark Ave.
Chicago, IL. 60631



TALENT NEEDED

Mike Drazba, The Property Superintendent at Owasippe, reminds us that the one for one weekend deal is still valid. For every weekend of volunteer work you put in at Owasippe, you can get a weekend of "playtime". Mike is especially in need of persons in building mechanical areas; HVAC, refrigeration, etc. Please call Mike at (616) 894-4061 if you can help or need further information.



The entranceway to the Milton Gray Staff Village. A dedication ceremony was held in July to celebrate the 85th anniversary of Owasippe.

OSA Explorer Post enjoying banner year

The OSA sponsored Explorer Post 9900 has grown to 104 members in this it's charter year. The post is an effort to keep a channel of information open between current staff and the OSA as well as to keep Owaspippe staff members in contact with each other in the off season.

annual picnic as well as the Fall Fix-it. The post is planning a get together during the college holiday break this winter and may also hold a weekend get together at Owaspippe. They are always looking for ideas for activities or meeting places.

Many of the post members were present at the members **Patrick Newell** and **Sean Lynch**.

Owasippe Now Accepting 1997 Staff Applications

Applications are now being accepted for youth and adult camp staff positions at Owaspippe in 1997. Minimum youth age is 14 with Star rank (CIT). Adult positions start at age 18. Positions open include Camp Director, High Adventure Director, Commissioner, Program Area Directors (Aquatics, Field Sports, High Adventure, Crafts, Nature, etc.).

Interviews are scheduled for Saturday November 30 at the Chicago Area Council Service Center 1218 W. Adams Street and Saturday January 4, 1997 at the West Side Technical Center of the

Chicago City Colleges, 28th & Western Avenue, 9am to 2pm. Applicants must wear full "Class-A" uniform to interviews.

New Staff (CIT) will have a special orientation weekend overnighter at the Environmental Learning Center located near Mokena, Illinois on Friday/Saturday April 25 & 26, 1997. Staff week at Owaspippe starts on Saturday June 21, 1997.

Applications may be requested or questions answered by Ron Kulak or Tom Ewan.

Owasippe to Open High Adventure Center

You heard it here first. A new high adventure program is being put together at Owaspippe. It will be the most exciting and challenging program opportunity ever undertaken. In 3 years no other camp except possibly Philmont will hold a candle to Owaspippe.

In 1997, Owaspippe will open the Robert Crown High Adventure Center which will train and outfit units seeking to backpack along the North Country Trail and/or canoe the White, Pere Marquette, Muskegon and Manistee Rivers wherever they intersect the North Country Trail. Pine River

one day whitewater canoe trips will be offered to units hiking to Manistee River campsites near Tippy Dam. Weeklong horseback camping rides are another potential offering in the summer of 1997.

Trips will range from 5 to 10 days in duration according to the interests and abilities of the groups and will cost about \$200 for a one week excursion. Staff positions are now open in this field for experienced outdoors guides as well as trainees.

Nominations Open for OSA Board of Directors

The affairs of the Owaspippe Staff Association are managed by the nine members of the Board of Directors whom the membership elect each year at the annual meeting. Their terms are staggered so that three board members must be elected each year. Each board member serves a three year term. A Director must be a currently registered Staff or Associate member age 21 or older as of the date of the election (March 1, 1997) and have a genuine interest in the success of the Association.

Nominations are now being accepted for three openings on the Board of Directors to fill the soon

to expire terms of **Art Paull**, **Bob Ward** and **Mario Jauregui**. Just write your nominees down and send them to the P.O. Box. It's that easy. Per the By-Laws, nominations must be sent via the U.S. mail to P.O. Box 7097, Westchester, Illinois 60154.

If you would like more information on how you can run for the Board of Directors or if you know of a member who is interested, call Nominations & Election Committee Chairman Vince Rychtanek at (847) 695-6751. *Take an interest, Get involved, Make a difference.*

Annual Picnic a Huge Success



Trying to recapture the spirit of Owasppe, Chris and Mike Finnegan become hopelessly entangled while running down a pop fly during the softball game.

Drawing a crowd of curious onlookers, Jerry Brown coaches two recent Owasppe staff by demonstrating some of the moves he learned while hanging out at Family Camp socials.



Over 100 OSA members and their guests flocked to the Annual picnic on August 25th. The weather was perfect and so was the atmosphere as recent staff mixed with the dinosaurs. **Chauncey** rallied the troops for a spirited high scoring game of softball. The children's games and piñatas were a big hit with all the kiddies. Every one got into the action as the adult games got underway. Various food items were observed being passed from boy to girl and vice versa using body parts not normally used for food handling, (except maybe by some of those GU's at food prep). It was all great fun and was the perfect way to end the summer. Thanks to **Pepsi** for the donation of soft drinks, **Bill Tenner** for all his hard work on set up and **Diane Posen, Denine Anderson** and **Karen Schaefer** for organizing the games and piñatas.

OSA Director Mario Jauregui is the center of attention as he shakes down a potential new staff member for her \$15

The Galloping Grapevine

Joe Sener heads up the Automotive Industry groups for the Chicago Office, Manufacturing Business Consulting of Arthur Anderson, LLP. His work has taken him all over the globe including a trip to Copenhagen this past spring. The majority of his work is in the Midwest. Joe is managing consulting projects in the area of manufacturing operations improvement in \$70 million to \$2 billion companies. Joe is also the chairman of the program committee for the Owasippe Task Force. With that he is responsible for the program at Owasippe as well as the hiring, staffing, and operations management oversight.

John and Barb Payne are pleased to announce the arrival of their son **John**. Big sister **Jamie** is excited to note that John is the first boy to be born in the Payne family since her uncle **Michael** over 30 years ago.

Culinary maestro at fix-it weekends, **Bob Corrao** and his wife **Sherri** celebrated the arrival of their first child on July 12. Their daughter **Dana Renee** checked into the world weighing in at 7lbs 6oz. Congratulations to the both of you.

Brian and Joanne O'Reilly also had a visit from the stork recently, who dropped off their new baby boy **Jameson**

Vince and Beth Rychtanek announced the arrival of their fourth daughter **Allison** in July. Of course she made her first trip to the Owasippe one month later for the Staff Appreciation Dinner and camping at Holland State Park along with big sisters **Rachel(5), Amanda(3) and Caitlin(2)**.

The Kleinfeldt Brothers checked in with the homepage and left this update; **Wally** and his wife **Jan** had a baby boy named **Wally Charles** on June 3rd. **Timmy** recently was promoted to Sergeant with the Cook County Sheriffs Dept. **Billy** is a carpenter for Dink & Roach Builders, and **Danny** is a grammar school teacher in Oak Park

John Petrauskas also hooked up with the OSA via the homepage. John has been working for the First National Bank of Chicago for 13 years and is now a Senior Programmer Analyst in the wire transfer department. John, his wife **Gail**, daughter **Courtney** (4) and son **Kyle** (1) call Tinley Park home. John mentions that

he hasn't been to camp since 1986, so somebody please offer John a ride next time you head up north.

When you're in Tinley Park, visit and dine at Ashford House. Your hostess is **Rosemary Brown**.

John Weiss writes... Things are great in Colorado. This summer was my 20th wearing a Colorado State Parks uniform. It's hard to believe that it has been 20 years since I was working at Pack & Paddle and living at Canoe Central.

My job here is not too different from working at Owasippe in that our mission is to provide opportunities for people to enjoy themselves in the park. We also try to educate them about protecting the outstanding natural resources of Colorado. We also get to patrol in a great boat in the summer and on snowmobiles in the winter!

I have been the manager of Navajo and Mancos State Parks since 1990 and have no intention to promote or transfer out of here - this is home. My wife, Mary and I live in Pagosa Springs which was made famous by the CW McCall song "Wolf Creek Pass". Mary practices law at her own office in town.

In my spare time, I am the president of the local hospital district which operates the ambulance service and a new medical clinic. I am also one of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce (WWW.pagosa-springs.com). When I am not doing that, I sail or play golf. Let me know if anyone needs crew on a sailboat on Lake Michigan - I'll be there!

If you want to know a little more about the parks I work at, they are linked to WWW.aaco.com. Hopefully we will update the site soon. I can be e-mailed at work at johnweis.csn.net. I enjoy hearing from people on the other side of the mountain.

Also, if you know anyone in college with an interest in working at a park, let me know. We are always looking for good summer help.

Jim Richerson holds a direct contract with the Maltese government as a planning and design consultant for their museums department. He and his family, **Judy, Austin(7) and Zachary(3)** took up residence in Malta in February of 1995. Jim says his design project, a lobby exhibition in the National Museum of Archeology, runs through 1999 and he is looking forward to seeing it through to completion. We will try to publish a story on his latest exhibit in the next Vibrations.

DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS Your sponsorship is sought for the publishing of the Owasippe Staff Association 1997 Yearbook and Souvenir Program for the 19th Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance, scheduled for Saturday, March 1, 1997. The OSA takes great pride in publishing this special issue which will be distributed to all those who attend the 19th Annual Meeting as well as to all contributing sponsors.

ADS & WELL WISHERS NEEDED Here is an opportunity to extend greetings to your friends, to wish Owasippe and the OSA well, and/or to promote your business to potential patrons. The publication of the Yearbook is an important fund-raiser for the OSA and its proceeds will help the OSA in its operations and purpose to assist Owasippe, located in one of Michigan's most scenic areas near the towns of Whitehall and Montague.

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Off Season Use at Owaspippe

Cabins are available for rent at Owaspippe this fall and winter. 15 Staff Village cabins, 2 Lake Cabins, and the Health Lodge are available for groups up to 40 people. Staff Village cabins cost \$35 per night to rent. Also available will be linens and cooking utensils for rent. The price will probably be in the \$25-\$30 range for linens and utensils. This winter, in conjunction with a local outfitter, cross country ski packages will also be available. Just call Owaspippe by



Wednesday with your request. Give then your shoe size, height and weight and your skis and poles will be waiting in your cabin when you arrive. Another attraction is horseback riding at Owaspippe. If you request it in advance, a local stable will bring the horses & gear to Owaspippe for your trail ride. Or try a western weekend, groups of ten minimum can enjoy an entire weekend of camping & trail riding as well as a bonfire on Friday and a social on Saturday. Both these programs will be available for a very reasonable fee.

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Owasippe Stampede Workers/Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed at Owasippe during the Owasippe Stampede dog sled races to be held January 10, 11, and 12, 1997. Needed are food service workers, dog handlers, and trail guides. If interested call Mike Drazba at (616) 894-4061 for details.



The OSA on the NET

The OSA now has an official home page on the Internet. The address is [HTTP://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/OSA_Rychtanek](http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/OSA_Rychtanek)

This homepage features information and news about the OSA and a calendar of events. It also carries news about Owasippe, The Chicago Area Council as well as links of interest to OSA members. If you have access to the Internet, either at home through AOL, CompuServe, or Prodigy or at work, please check it out